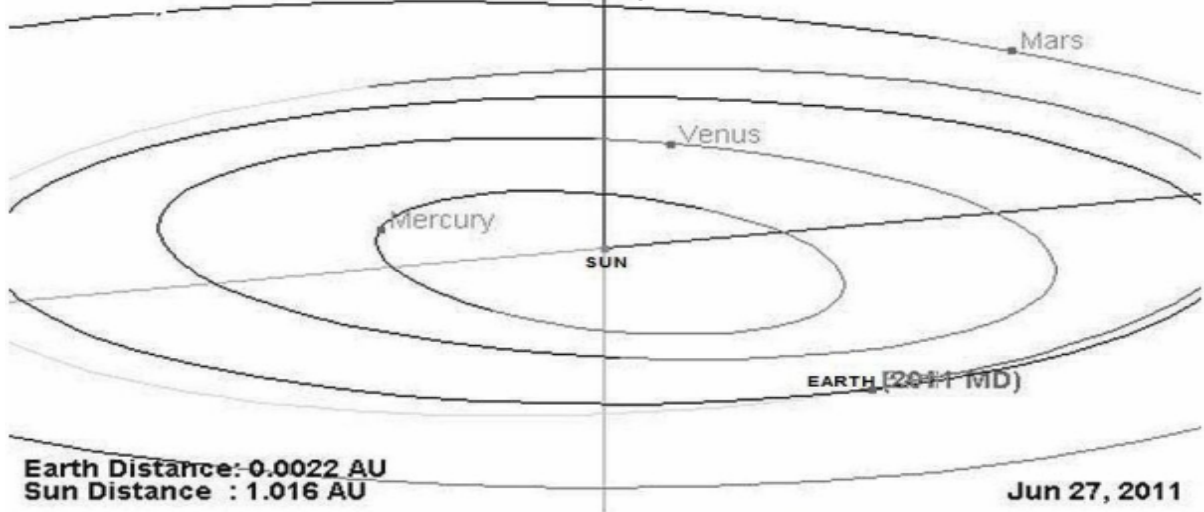
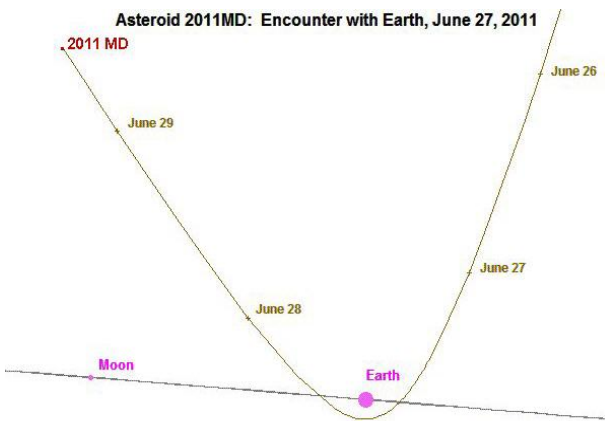


CLOSE ENCOUNTER: ASTEROID TO MISS THE EARTH ON MONDAY 27th June, 2011 EVENING

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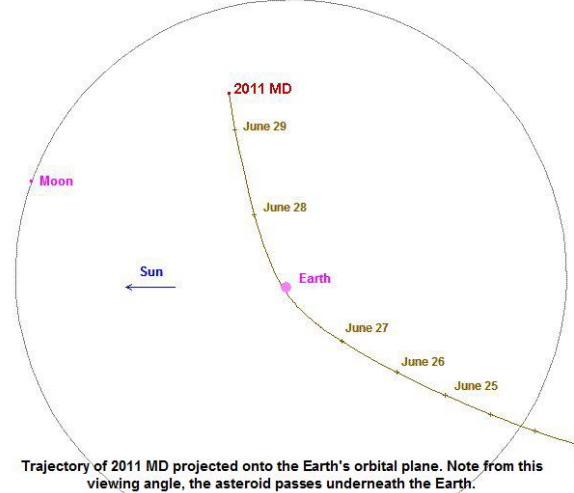


This image shows position of Planet Earth and the "Asteroid 2011 MD" as on 27th June, 2011. Also note the distance in Astronomical Unit and position of other planets in the



This image shows Trajectory (Path) of asteroid 2011 MD during its June 27, 2011 flyby from the general direction of the sun. Visit www.ournewplanets.com for more details

Asteroid 2011 MD: Encounter with Earth, June 27, 2011
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What is an Asteroid ? Astronomically speaking Asteroids are a class of **small Solar System bodies** in orbit around the **Sun**. **Asteroids** are also called minor planet or planetoid.

In simple words asteroids are many of rocky small bodies that orbit the Sun mainly in a flat ring called the **asteroid belt** between the orbits of Planet Mars and Jupiter

When was this Asteroid Discovered ? On 22nd June 2011 and designated "2011 MD" as its name.

What is the size of this asteroid ? When is the flyby ? Size of asteroid is expected to be between 5 to 20 meters. It will pass by earth on **27th June, 2011 at 10.44 p.m.**

Is there any danger to earth ? There is no danger to earth.

At what distance this Asteroid is expected to passby earth ? It will pass by earth at a distance of 12000 km (it was 17,700 km at time of discovery when it was first reported).

What will happen if this asteroid enters earth's atmosphere ? Asteroid this size would burn up if it tries to enter in earth atmosphere.

What is Interesting ? It was discovered just two days ago though this asteroid existed for long time now. This asteroid as seen from earth is expected to sail high off the coast of Antarctica, almost 2,000 miles (3,218 km) south-southwest of South Africa on 27th June, 2011.

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